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## TEHAMA COUNTY ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY

A copy of the Tehama County Assessment Practices Survey Report is enclosed for your information. The Board of Equalization (BOE) completed this survey in fulfillment of the provisions of sections 15640-15646 of the Government Code. These code sections provide that the BOE shall make surveys in each county and city and county to determine that the practices and procedures used by the county assessor in the valuation of properties are in conformity with all provisions of law.

The Honorable Robert C. Brownfield, Assessor, was provided a draft of this report and given an opportunity to file a written response to the findings and recommendations contained therein. The report and the county assessor's response constitute the final survey report which, pursuant to Government Code section 15646, is distributed to the Governor, Attorney General, and State Legislature, and to the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, Grand Jury, and Assessment Appeals Board.

The BOE's County Property Tax Division performed the fieldwork for this survey of the Tehama County Assessor's Office from March to April 2000. This report does not reflect changes implemented by the assessor after the fieldwork was completed.

The survey process inherently requires the interruption of normal office work routines. We thank Mr. Brownfield and his staff for their cooperation and patience during this assessment practices survey.

These survey reports give the government officials in California charged with property tax administration the opportunity to exchange ideas for the mutual benefit of all participants and stakeholders. We encourage you to share your questions, comments, and/or suggestions for improvement with us.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Johnson Deputy Director Property Taxes Department

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